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Albright Offers Blunt Assessments of World Leaders, Issues



Madeleine Albright

JEFFREY RAYMOND

In her October address at the School of Law, Madeleine Albright put to rest any notions that diplomats speak in measured, safe terms. At least when they are former diplomats. As U.S. secretary of state she met with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il, and told hundreds gathered in Westminster Hall she was struck by his confidence “and truly amazing puffed hair.” As America’s ambassador to the United Nations in 1993, she advocated an “assertive multilateralism” that called for the U.N.’s leadership in promoting justice and peace. Albright also helped

the Clinton administration form and enforce a policy in Bosnia that helped end the oppression of that country’s Muslim population. Mindful of her law school audience, Albright offered an endorsement of the role of law in international affairs. She is currently leading a U.N. effort to empower the billions of the world’s poor who live outside of an effective, fair legal system. Helping those in poverty, she said, will pay off for everyone. Albright’s speech was the keynote of the School of Law’s annual International & Comparative Law Conference. She delivered the Norman P. Ramsey Lecture, named in honor of School of Law alumnus Judge Norman Ramsey, LLB ’47. When she opened the floor to questions, she assured her audience: “Since I’m no longer secretary of state, I can actually answer your questions.” In her introduction of Albright, School of Law Dean Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LLM, noted the increasing interconnectedness of the world through

areas such as finance, health, and nuclear and terror challenges. Haddon reiterated her vision of training lawyers to be global leaders finding and implementing solutions to interconnected problems. Albright noted work being done at the School, including efforts by Associate Professor Peter Danchin, LLB, LLM, JSD, to promote scholarship in international law. While international law evolves constantly, Albright said, the purpose of the law—to promote dignity, prosperity, and peace—never changes. Albright has written a best-seller, *Read My Pins*, about how she used her collection of jewelry as a diplomat to send signals to negotiating partners about her intent. A pin of a snake or a bee, for instance, was meant to convey a much tougher message than a ladybug or a butterfly. For her Westminster Hall speech she wore a pin that honored America. And at the end of the event, Haddon presented her with a pin symbolic of the venue: a raven, the title character in one of the most famous poems written by Edgar Allan Poe, who is buried on Westminster’s grounds.

Rapid Response to H1N1 Highlighted at BioPark Event for Biotech Leaders

STEVE BERBERICH

Maryland public officials have been very innovative in fighting the H1N1 influenza, but that doesn’t mean they know how the virus will progress, says Wilber Chen, MD, MS, assistant professor at the School of Medicine. At a panel presentation to about 120 leaders from biotech companies and media representatives at the University of Maryland BioPark on Oct. 15, Chen said that “we do believe we have a sufficient set of vaccines for protection.” “This is a virus to be taken very seriously,” said Ruth Karron, MD, professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She said that the 81 reported pediatric deaths in the U.S. from H1N1, as of October 2009, is the highest for a year since 2004 when pediatric deaths from influenza first became reportable. In that year, there were 88 deaths. The BioPark panel was

assembled to showcase the strong research and development efforts of the University of Maryland, Baltimore; Johns Hopkins University; and select biopharmaceutical companies in Maryland. The Tech Council of Maryland and the University of Maryland BioPark co-sponsored “The Swine Flu Pandemic: Public Health Policy and Maryland’s Role in Vaccine Development” event. The panel was asked to address the safety of the H1N1 vaccines in light of the unprecedented speed taken in developing, testing, and distributing them. John Colmers, MPH, secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, explained, “It is indeed remarkable when you think about it that it was a scant six months ago that the reports came out of this new virus in Mexico and other parts of the world. And in that relatively short period of time we have seen an activation

of the public health emergency response to a degree that we have not seen in our lifetime.” Compared with typical flu vaccine manufacturing, which takes from February to late September, the timeline was very short for the H1N1 vaccine. “The first clinical trials began at the School of Medicine on Aug. 7,” said Chen.

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Institute for Genome Sciences to Study Intersection of Human Genome and Microbial DNA

KAREN BUCKELEW

Researchers at the Institute for Genome Sciences (IGS) at the School of Medicine have earned three new grants potentially worth more than \$24.6 million to study the microbes that live in and on the human body and how they affect human health. The grants are part of an expansion of the Human Microbiome Project (HMP), a \$140 million, five-year effort by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The project’s expansion is partly funded by federal money allocated to stimulate the U.S. economy under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The grants to the School will

fund research on obesity and metabolic syndrome in the Old Order Amish, Crohn’s disease, and bacterial vaginosis. The human microbiome refers to all of the genomes, or DNA, of the trillions of microorganisms that live on and in the human body. The HMP will investigate how the human microbiome affects the human genome. “Now that the human genome has been sequenced, the human microbiome is the next great frontier for genomics. We’ve become a center of excellence for this new frontier,” says Claire Fraser-Liggett, PhD, director of the IGS. She is also a professor in the departments of medicine,

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Above: the body sites that will be sampled from volunteers for the Human Microbiome Project.

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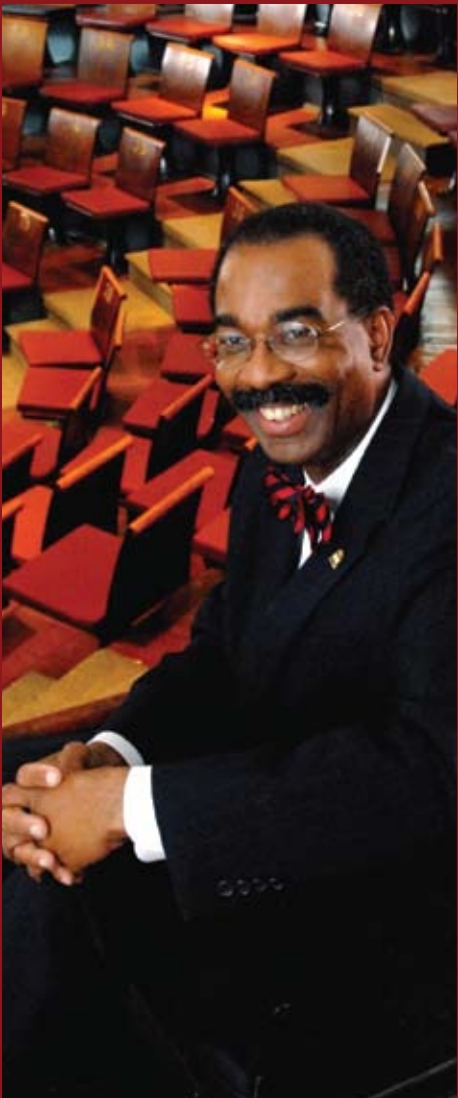
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Looking Ahead With Optimism in Challenging Times

As you know, we are in one of the worst economic recessions in recent memory. Currently, the national unemployment rate is hovering near 10 percent. Such high jobless numbers mean state governments collect less money in income and sales taxes.

Maryland is no exception. This year the state slashed its expenditures by \$485 million, and Gov. Martin O’Malley has proposed an additional \$281.5 million in cuts for the next fiscal year. In Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09), the School of Medicine also endured major cuts in funding from the state.

However, in spite of these tough economic times, we had one of our best years in recent memory in terms of raising new funds from federal grants and contracts, philanthropy, and clinical revenue. We raised more than \$55 million from private donors (a 9.5 percent increase over FY08) and received approximately \$455 million in federal grants and contracts (a 13 percent increase over FY08).

How did we do this? I don’t want to oversimplify the amount of work and dedication that went into accomplishing

this unprecedented feat, but I believe our relentless optimism was a major ingredient. Even though we know that these tough economic times are likely to persist for a few more years at least, we are moving forward with our strategic plan and are putting ourselves in a position not only to weather this economic storm, but to rise above it with extraordinary success.

For example, this year we launched several new centers of excellence. These include our new Center for Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine and the STAR (Shock, Trauma, and Anesthesiology Research) Center, an organized research center for trauma medicine and anesthesiology. These centers represent the cutting edge in fundamental and translational research. We firmly believe they—along with our other centers of excellence—will be the cornerstone of making scientific discoveries an integral part of health care improvement and enhancement as we search for cures for a variety of debilitating diseases.

I am fond of using the American eagle as a metaphor for our approach to dealing with tough times. When a storm approaches, the eagle frees itself from the world below

and allows the wind to carry it to new heights. The eagle catches air currents and updrafts beneath its wings and uses them to fly higher and higher, soaring above the storm. After the storm, the eagle alights again and carries on its activities as if nothing has happened.

I believe that we can weather the storms of these uncertain times by following the example of the eagle. Although we cannot escape the storm, we can use it to soar higher. Based on the results of this year, I am optimistic that this approach will bring even better days, not only for the School of Medicine, but for the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Sincerely,

E. Albert Reece

E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA
Vice President for Medical Affairs,
John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers
Distinguished Professor, and Dean
of the School of Medicine

Dean Haddon Shares Her Global Vision

JEFFREY RAYMOND

Almost 400 graduates and friends of the School of Law gathered Oct. 3 for the event Justice and the Global Economy in celebration of the appointment of Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LL.M., as dean. In “Educating Lawyers With a Global Vision,” her first official address as head of the law school, Haddon offered her view of legal education’s vital role in creating lawyers who will work around the world to strengthen democracy, promote peace, and advance human rights.

“Our collective vision for this School must be grounded in a sense of mission and institutional values that are responsive to the complex, changing nature of our larger world,” said Haddon. “Local issues like lack of quality education, poverty, and unequal access to justice are also universal issues that plague developing and developed nations across the globe and beg for new solutions that come from our collective thinking and engagement.”

Ambassador Ron Kirk, U.S. trade representative, delivered the keynote address, “The Trade Agenda: Overcoming Challenges, Creating Opportunity.” School of Law alumnus Rep. Elijah Cummings, JD ’76, introduced Kirk, who focused on using trade as a tool of peace and prosperity.

“Ninety-five percent of the world’s consumers live outside of the United States,” Kirk said. “Justice for one country doesn’t have to come at the expense of another.”

Haddon was introduced by University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, to a standing ovation. “As dean of the School of Law, Phoebe Haddon will strengthen the connections between our schools, and



push us to work even harder in a shared pursuit of solutions to the problems facing our community—a community that, by her definition, encompasses not only Baltimore and the state of Maryland but also our nation and the entire world,” said Ramsay.

School of Law alumnus Paul Bekman, JD ’71, chair of the School’s Board of Visitors, welcomed Haddon on behalf of the law school’s graduates and friends as well as the broader Maryland legal community.

“This law school’s historic strengths and Dean Haddon’s past experiences and future aspirations are a perfect fit,” Bekman said. “Recognition of the unique contributions an urban institution can and must make to its community; an emphasis on scholarship and experiential learning opportunities that produce solutions to real-world problems; a focus on preparing students for careers as skilled legal practitioners, and for lifetimes as principled leaders of society; an abiding determination to serve the public and expand access to justice; and a commitment to diversity among the faculty and student body alike—all these are core values Dean Haddon and our law school share. For all these reasons, we are delighted to have her as our dean.”

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One reason for the rapid turnaround was that the first test results from 25 pediatric and adult trial subjects demonstrated excellent protection eight days after being vaccinated. Also, the panel noted that the vaccine was developed using a well-established process of making vaccines from chicken eggs.

Panelist Rahul Singhvi, ScD, MBA, proposed an alternative: making vaccines with a virus-like particle technology invented by his company, Novavax Inc. of Rockville, Md. The technology bypasses problems associated with egg-based vaccine making.

Singhvi, the company’s CEO, said it plans to “clone” its small-scale vaccine-making plant in Rockville and put those clones in developing countries to allow them to respond quickly to emerging influenza.

Besides Novavax’s virus particle technique, Chen said that influenza researchers and manufacturers are looking at several other high-tech methods to replace egg-based manufacturing, but that in the H1N1 crisis the government had to depend on what was known to work and work well for now.

Late MCC Donations Welcome

Though the University officially closed its Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) on Dec. 1, pledges are still being accepted for the next several weeks. Those wishing to join the many others on campus supporting more than 850 charitable organizations through payroll deductions or one-time gifts can contact the MCC coordinator in their school/department or give their contribution directly to Dave DeLooze, University MCC chair, in room 206 of the Pearl Street Garage.



Is Going Digital

Yes, you read that right. An online version of the *VOICE*, the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s campus newsletter, the paper in your hands, is coming soon. The Office of External Affairs, which publishes the *VOICE*, is re-creating the publication for the Web and we want your suggestions, your questions, and your brilliant ideas. Visit our online blog at <http://umbvoice.wordpress.com> and let us know what you’d like to see in the *VOICE*’s new incarnation. All thoughts are welcome—so get your reader’s hat on and start thinking!

Ramsay Recognized for Leadership Efforts

CHRIS ZANG

The pivotal role that University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, has played in the formation and growth of the University of Maryland BioPark is hardly a secret to those around the University. Now two more groups outside the campus have taken notice.

In October, the Association of University Research Parks (AURP) presented its 2009 Award of Excellence for Leadership to Ramsay at its annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ramsay received the award for his energy and vision in planning and completing many projects at the University

of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). These include the significant investment in campus infrastructure and scientific expertise that has both sparked the explosion in the University’s research enterprise to a peak of \$517 million in extramural funding last fiscal year and spurred redevelopment in the surrounding community.

The creation of the BioPark to attract, house, and grow entrepreneurial commercial and academic enterprises is the culmination of his quest to translate UMB’s research potential into improving health.

“Having a university president who is truly engaged as a thought leader and champion of the research park is critical to a park’s



David J. Ramsay

success,” said AURP President Gregory Deason. “Dr. Ramsay embodies this.”

The Greater Baltimore Technology Council (GBTC) agreed, naming Ramsay its 2009 BETA (Baltimore’s Extraordinary

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Antol, Ennels Named Directors

Susan Antol, MS, RN, an assistant professor at the School of Nursing, has been named director of the Governor’s Wellmobile

Program, which is managed by the School. And Stephanie Ennels, MPA, was recently hired as the University’s director of budget and financial analysis.

Antol has served in many capacities since joining the School of Nursing in 1998. As Wellmobile director, she plans to rebuild the program now that state funding has

been cut in half.

“The Wellmobile program is a very successful model of nurse-run clinics that provide primary care, education, and advocacy to local underserved populations in rural and urban communities,” says Antol. “I am seeking community partners with an interest in working collaboratively to obtain funding opportunities through local, state, and national initiatives, as well as community-based participatory research initiatives that can advance the School of Nursing’s education and research missions.”

Ennels, who oversees budget development for the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), was previously the



division manager of financial management for the state Motor Vehicle Administration. She also has served as budget director for Baltimore County Public Schools’ Office of Budget and Reporting.

“I am happy and pleased to be a part of the UMB family,” Ennels says. “I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the fiscal success of the University and to forge lasting and productive relationships with my colleagues and co-workers.”

Dunsmore, Gambert, Tan Picked for Medical School Posts

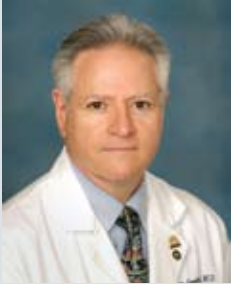


RONALD HUBE

New faces among School of Medicine leadership include Andrew Dunsmore, PhD, assistant dean

for development; Steven Gambert, MD, MACP, co-director of the recently renamed Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine and associate chair of medicine for clinical program development; and Ming Tan, PhD, head of the Division of Biostatistics in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine.

Dunsmore, who joined the School’s Office of Development on Oct. 1, helps the



associate dean and dean expand fund-raising by working with department chairs; directors of programs, centers, and institutes; division heads; and other medical faculty. He was previously the director of development for the Department of Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University.

Gambert, a professor, works in partnership with Andrew Goldberg, MD, to lead the former Division of Gerontology. Gambert holds the American College of Physicians’ highest honor—master—and is editor-in-chief of the American Geriatrics Society journal *Clinical Geriatrics*.



Tan, a professor who has been a member of the School of Medicine faculty since 2002, has extensive methodological and collaborative research experience in design, conduct, and analysis of clinical trials, laboratory investigations, and epidemiologic research. He is the biostatistics director of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center and has held the same position at the Developmental Therapeutics for Solid Malignancies Program at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Arlington, Va.

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and microbiology and immunology at the School of Medicine. “Now we have the tools to study these complex microbial communities that colonize every cavity and surface in the body. This new field of study gives us an innovative approach to looking at complex diseases we know can’t be easily explained with a single mechanism.”

“Many of our researchers, including Dr. Fraser-Liggett, were involved with the sequencing of the human genome. These new grants keep IGS on the cutting edge of this new frontier of genomics,” says E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, dean of the School of Medicine, vice president for medical affairs at the University of Maryland, and the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor.

An \$833,000 one-year grant will fund a study of Crohn’s disease, in collaboration

with researchers at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in Berkeley, Calif., and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Another grant, for \$1.02 million for the first year and \$12.3 million for the following three years, will fund Fraser-Liggett’s study of obesity and metabolic disorders in the Old Order Amish population in Lancaster, Pa. She is collaborating on that project with Alan Shuldiner, MD, professor, Department of Medicine, and head, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Nutrition.

A third grant goes to IGS and Jacques Ravel, PhD, MSc, associate professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, for the study of bacterial vaginosis. The grant is for \$987,000 for the first year of a four-year planned project; the total four-year budget is \$10.5 million.

The National Human Genome Research Institute announced the grants as part of its nationwide expansion of the HMP, which began in 2007 as a part of the NIH’s Roadmap for Medical Research. The expansion of the microbiome program will include pilot demonstration projects to study seven areas of the body: the digestive tract, the mouth, the skin, the nose, the vagina, the blood, and the male urethra. The HMP expansion also will fund the sequencing of at least 400 microbial genomes. The sequencing of 500 other microbial genomes have already been completed or are in process.

For more information about the HMP, visit www.nihroadmap.nih.gov/hmp and www.hmpdacc.org.

Public Safety @ UMB

Editor’s Note: To help the University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Force share information on safety awareness, the VOICE will feature a regular column on safety matters.

TIPS FOR HOLIDAY SAFETY

Food, gifts, family, and friends—the holidays are upon us!

While thinking about festive occasions, we often give thieves the opportunity to do their dirty work and the chance to “shop” at our expense.

Sometimes people become less vigilant about their safety during the holiday season. The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Police Force offers the following crime prevention tips to help ensure a safe and happy end to 2009.

When shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- Shop with a friend. Some stores will provide an escort to your car if asked.
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Shop before dark if possible.
- Lock all purchases in the trunk of your vehicle, and keep the doors locked and windows up at all times.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash—pay for purchases with a check, or a credit or debit card, when possible.
- Try to use ATMs during daylight hours, or in well-lit areas or inside supermarkets.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers—don’t carry too many packages.

At home:

- Avoid displaying presents in your windows.
- After presents are opened, don’t let trash bins announce your new acquisitions.
- Record the serial and model numbers of your gifts.
- Place indoor and outdoor lights on timers to discourage burglars.
- Be a good neighbor—call the police if you see people knocking on doors without legitimate reason.

The UMB Police Force wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!

For more information on the UMB Police Force, visit www.umaryland.edu/police/index.html.

Register for UMB Alerts

E2Campus is the new vendor for UMB Alerts—the system used by the University of Maryland, Baltimore’s (UMB) Emergency Management Team to notify the UMB community about emergencies and weather-related campus closings. UMB Alerts messages will be sent out via campus phones, and campus e-mail accounts. Users also can register personal devices capable of receiving SMS text messages, such as cell phones, Blackberrys, or pagers. To sign up for UMB Alerts, click on the *Alerts/Urgent info* link on the campus main page and follow the directions.

LAURELS

DENTAL SCHOOL

Huakun Xu, PhD, MS, associate professor, is a 2009 winner of a Maryland Innovator of the Year Award from *The Daily Record* for his work on the development of an injectable carrier to deliver stem cells for bone regeneration. The Innovator of the Year awards honor Maryland businesses and individuals who have made a positive impact in Maryland.

SCHOOL OF LAW

Paula Monopoli, JD, professor of law and Marbury Research Professor, received a 2009 Leadership in Law Award from *The Daily Record*. The awards recognize lawyers and judges for exceptional dedication to the legal profession and the community.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

David Scott, PhD, professor, received the 2009 Research Achievement Award in Biology from the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists for his development of a gene therapy model to eliminate undesirable immune responses in diseases such as type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean and professor, was named a supporting member of the National Priorities Partnership's Population Health Work Group. The partnership works to ensure

that all Americans receive the most effective preventive health care services as recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, that they adopt healthy lifestyle behaviors, and that the health of American communities is improved according to a national index of health.

Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN, associate professor, is the first recipient of the Research Mentorship Award from AcademyHealth's Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues. AcademyHealth is a professional organization for health service researchers.

Ann Mech, JD, RN, assistant professor, received the Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care's 2009 Trustee "Driving Quality" Award, which recognizes the importance of hospital board leadership and support for initiating and sustaining quality improvement efforts. Mech is the only trustee of a hospital board in Maryland to receive the award this year. The Delmarva Foundation is a quality review organization for Medicare and other third-party payers.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Gail Rattinger, PharmD, PhD, director of the Pharmaceutical Research Computing Center, received the Best New Investigator Podium Presentation Award for "Prescribing Patterns Among Dementia

Patients at the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System," which was delivered during the 14th Annual International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research International Meeting.

Peter Swaan, PhD, associate professor, has been appointed to a three-year term as a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Xenobiotics and Nutrient Disposition and Action Study Section.

Jia Bei Wang, PhD, professor, has been appointed to a four-year term as a member of the NIH Molecular Neuropharmacology and Signaling Study Section.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, dean and professor, has been honored by the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) with its 2010 Distinguished Achievement Award. Barth was recognized for decades of outstanding contributions. According to SSWR, Barth's "cumulative career accomplishments have set him apart from other leaders in social work research regarding the extent to which his contributions have advanced the state-of-the-art of social work research and its utilization." Barth is also one of 13 people recently named to a three-year term on the board of directors for the United Way of Central Maryland.

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Technology Advocate) award winner.

"Dr. Ramsay has continuously pushed the envelope in terms of growth and development," said GBTC Executive Director Steve Kozak, MBA. "The tremendous expansion of UMB's research enterprise, the investment in state-of-the-art facilities, and the creation of the University of Maryland BioPark have all built a foundation that is generating jobs and transforming the region into a bioscience hub spinning out new discoveries and new companies. And it's all happening thanks to the leadership of Dr. Ramsay."

In response, Ramsay said, "It has been so exciting to watch the progress that this region has made in the growth and development of our technology enterprise and the role that the BioPark has played in this endeavor. This award was totally unexpected and I thank the GBTC for the honor."

Social Workers Network at Shady Grove



PATRICIA FANNING

Maryland Sen. Jennie Forehand, Democrat of Montgomery County, was among the guests from the Washington, D.C., area invited to an evening of social work networking with alumni, faculty, field instructors, and students from the School of Social Work. The event was held Oct. 27 at the Universities at Shady Grove. Students there can earn a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and then apply to the University of Maryland, Baltimore for graduate studies.

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The COSTEP interns are (from left) Catherine Lee, Kathleen Morneau, Janet Shaw, Jacklyn Finocchio, William Albanese, and Ashley Burns. Andrew Kim is not pictured.

WILLIAM ALBANESE

Each year, a few students from the School of Pharmacy choose to spend their summer break participating in the Commissioned Corps Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP), part of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. This year, a record seven pharmacy students were accepted for prestigious COSTEP assignments with only 29 positions available nationwide.

Fourth-year students Andrew Kim, Ashley Burns, and Jacklyn Finocchio, and third-year students Janet Shaw, Kathleen Morneau, Catherine Lee, and William Albanese participated in a wide variety of practice settings. Their work included assisting in medication therapy management with the Indian Health Service (IHS) in New Mexico; advocating for the pharmacy profession through policy writing and professional development at IHS head-

Seven Pharmacy Students Obtain Sought-after Public Health Service Internships

quarters in Rockville, Md.; and conducting research projects, monitoring drug labeling, and ensuring that drug advertisements follow proper regulations at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Lee saw firsthand the important role pharmacists serve on a multidisciplinary team at an IHS facility. A typical workday for her at an IHS hospital on a New Mexico Indian reservation consisted of recommending warfarin dosing changes in the pharmacy’s Coumadin clinic, updating database objects in the hospital’s state-of-the-art Electronic Health Record system, and performing drug utilization reviews with ad-hoc requests from physicians.

“The experience and opportunity to work at an IHS facility was rewarding beyond measure,” Lee says.

The students also toured other federal agencies, departments, and private organizations that are closed to the public. Each week tours were taken to learn more about daily operations at places such as the National Institutes of Health, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the Office of the Surgeon General, the U.S. Pharmacopeia,

the American Pharmacists Association’s headquarters, and the Pentagon.

Some of the School of Pharmacy students in COSTEP worked alongside University of Maryland alumni such as Cmdr. Andrew Haffer, PharmD ’96, of the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications at the FDA. Haffer served as a preceptor, working with students to police drug advertisements to both professionals and consumers.

Capt. James Bresette, PharmD ’07, deputy director for the Office of Clinical and Preventive Services at IHS, oversaw Shaw, Morneau, and Albanese on efforts to improve health care for Native Americans by advocating for legislation and assisting in implementation of clinical programs that have been proved effective through evidence-based outcomes.

“Participating in the COSTEP Program is an amazing experience and an outstanding opportunity,” says third-year student Morneau. “I have seen and been a part of affecting change in the profession of pharmacy and have been given opportunities I would have never had anywhere else.”

UMB Receives NIH Research Grants Under Federal Stimulus Bill

STEVE BERBERICH

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) has captured 104 of 476 Maryland grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Attracting more than 100 of the competitive grants reflects an overall expansion of vital research programs in recent years at UMB, including growing success in attracting funding in the areas of infectious disease, oncology, human virology, vaccinology, genomics, and stem cell research, says UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil.

Despite the slow economy and reduced federal funds for research, UMB showed significant growth in funding to campus researchers, totaling \$517 million in Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09)—up from \$447 million in FY08.

Previously, under Ramsay’s leadership, the campus increased its research base from \$138 million in FY97 to \$411 million in FY07. The research and development surge places UMB among the top public academic medical centers in the country for research dollars.

By awarding the grants to UMB, the NIH is seeking answers to critical health and medical questions, including:

- Will two muscle molecules found by School of Nursing researchers help restore strength to people with muscular dystrophy? (Grant title: “Genetic disease modifier of muscular dystrophy”)
- Can an unprecedented, large-scale study by School of Medicine investigators convince parents and caregivers that changing toddler feeding styles limits obesity among low-income children? (Grant title: “Toddler feeding styles”)
- Will an investigation of Medicare and insurance claim data by School of Pharmacy researchers clear up uncertain long-term benefits of

common clinical treatments for myelodysplastic syndrome, a blood-related disorder affecting at least 10,000 new patients annually? (Grant title: “Erythropoietic stimulating agents in treatment of MDS”)

- Can Dental School researchers determine whether a recent spike in early childhood caries is due to drinking more sugary beverages? (Grant title: “Beverage consumption and early childhood caries”)

For descriptions of all 104 NIH grants to UMB, visit <http://report.nih.gov/recovery/arragrants.cfm>.

UMB Program Wins Assisted Living Health Care Award

RONALD HUBE

The University’s Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research (GGEAR) Program has won a Promoting Excellence in Assisted Living Award from the Center for Excellence in Assisted Living (CEAL). The award was presented during a reception Oct. 27 in Washington, D.C.

The honor is one of five Promoting Excellence in Assisted Living Awards, which were established this year to help mark CEAL’s fifth anniversary. GGEAR, located in the University’s Office of Academic Affairs, is a multidisciplinary program created in 1987 to prepare students for care of the elderly and to sponsor research projects in geriatrics and gerontology.

The award to GGEAR, which has developed a Web-based training program on medication management and safety, is for excellence in the area of health care. Other award winners—the Texas A&M University College of Architecture and the Arkitek Studio in Bryan, Texas, which

shared an award, and three assisted living service providers—won awards for dementia care, environment and design, person-centered care, and work force retention.

“We are enormously proud to honor these creative and talented individuals, organizations, and academics whose work improves the quality of life and care of frail seniors,” says David Kylo, chair of the CEAL board of directors.

Starting in January, CEAL will host a series of Web-based seminars on each award topic. For more information, visit www.theceal.org.

AAN Honors Nursing Faculty Members



Barbara Resnick



Eun-Shim Nahm



Linda Flynn

School of Nursing alumnae Linda Flynn, PhD, MS, RN, FAAN, BS ’70, and Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD ’03, MS, RN, FAAN, associate professors at the School of Nursing, were among the 98 nurse leaders inducted as fellows in the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) on Nov. 7. The induction was held during the AAN’s 36th annual meeting and conference in Atlanta.

Also during the AAN meeting, School of Nursing alumna and professor Barbara Resnick, PhD ’96, MSN, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, was named the academy’s 2009 Nurse Leader in Aging.

Flynn, who joined the School of Nursing faculty last year, teaches community and public health leadership among

other subjects. Her research focuses on nurse staffing/work environment and reduction of medication errors. Nahm is a nursing informatics instructor whose research topics include the use of technology-based interventions to promote health and manage chronic illness among older adults. Nurses are chosen to be AAN fellows in part as recognition of their influence on health care policies.

Resnick teaches gerontology, and her research topics include hip fracture prevention and recovery. The Nurse Leader in Aging Award, established in 2006 in partnership with the John A. Hartford Foundation, honors leadership, mentoring, and other work in the field of aging.

Making an Impact

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

CHRIS ZANG

Founders Week, the annual weeklong Universitywide celebration held each October, was initiated by President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, and his wife, Anne, nearly 15 years ago. In 1996, the theme was “Reach for Excellence,” and School of Medicine Professor Myron Levine, MD, DTPH, was the first Research Lecturer of the Year. Along with the research lecture, the first Founders Week included a student breakfast and a gala attended by approximately 220 guests.

1 Staff Luncheon



2 Research Lecture



3 Student Cookout



4 Entrepreneur Presentation and Reception



founders week 2009

Since that time, events and attendance have grown steadily. In 2009, more than 700 students enjoyed the annual cook-out, 1,000 University staff shared in the staff lunch in Westminster Hall, and gala attendance nearly tripled. And Levine was honored again—this time with the Entrepreneur of Year Award, which was added in 2006 to the Teacher of the Year, Research Lecturer of the Year, and the Public Servant of the Year awards.

Founders Week 2009 kicked off with the black-tie gala, held at the Hilton Baltimore, with more than 600 attendees. The program began with the presentation of awards, including Entrepreneur of the Year, followed by the School of Medicine’s Alessio Fasano, MD, as Research Lecturer of the Year; the School of Pharmacy’s Connie Mitchell as Public Servant of the Year; and the School of Social Work’s Donna

Harrington, PhD, as Teacher of the Year.

Then the crowd of campus members and supporters was treated to a video presentation in which the school deans emphasized the importance of planned giving. President Ramsay opened the presentation as he recounted his experience as a young boy in England. He attended a school that offered a superior science program thanks to the philanthropy of a man 250 years before.

“That’s when I became hooked on science,” Ramsay said of joining the school as a 12-year-old. “That passion has remained with me my whole career.”

After the video, Francis X. Kelly Jr. provided an update on the University’s multiyear \$650 million “Making an Impact Worldwide” capital campaign, which he chairs. He was proud to say that the half-way point had been surpassed, with more than \$341 million raised.

During the dessert course, Fasano, very ably assisted by Ramsay and the deans, took the stage for an impromptu sing-along of “O Sole Mio.” The native of Salerno, Italy, sang the verses in Italian with the deans leading the choruses in English. After the sing-along, Ramsay was surprised with the gift of a T-shirt that read “UMB’s Greatest Talent.”

The second day of Founders Week had a definite Italian flavor. Fasano, along with friends and family from Salerno, and curator Paola Capone, an associate professor at the University of Salerno, opened an exhibit of 12 Italian artists at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center. The crowd then went from the newest building on UMB’s campus to the oldest, Davidge Hall, to hear and see Fasano, the 2006 Entrepreneur of the Year, explain his research in “Celiac Disease: The Key to Unlock the Door to Autoimmunity.”

The following day the bright and sunny weather matched the upbeat disposition of the students at the Student Cookout in the School of Nursing courtyard. President and Mrs. Ramsay were among the food servers along with many deans, vice presidents, and other administrators. Then it was the staff’s turn to be saluted, being treated to lunch the next day at historic Westminster Hall.

“We kicked the week off with a gala that I believe surpassed all previous ones and that set the tone for the entire week of events,” said Nancy Gordon, senior director of University events. “Everyone seemed to truly enjoy Founders Week 2009!”

Levine, who was out of the country during Founders Week, discussed his work as founder of the Center for Vaccine Development during a presentation and reception on Oct. 1.



7 Founders Week Gala

1 STAFF LUNCHEON
David Ramsay helped serve hors d’oeuvres to UMB staffers outside Westminster Hall.

2 RESEARCH LECTURE
Alessio Fasano presented his research on celiac disease to a crowded Davidge Hall.

3 STUDENT COOKOUT
Anne Ramsay (center) with Malinda Orlin, vice president for academic affairs (left), and Jenny Bloom, associate dean, School of Social Work

4 ENTREPRENEUR PRESENTATION and RECEPTION
Myron Levine (center) with David Ramsay, E. Albert Reece (far left), and Entrepreneur of the Year Reception attendees

5, 6, 7 FOUNDERS WEEK GALA
5 President Ramsay celebrated with USGA committee members.

6 From left: David Sheehan; Janet Owens, chair, UMBF Inc. Board of Trustees; and Richard Himelfarb, former chair, UMBF Inc. Board of Trustees

7 “O Sole Mio” singers from left: Alessio Fasano, Natalie Eddington, Richard Barth, E. Albert Reece, Janet Allan, Christian Stohler, Phoebe Haddon, and David Ramsay

GREEN CORNER

Green Room to Educate and Inspire

On the first floor of the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, the University now boasts a “Green Room” that will showcase sustainability initiatives to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) community.

The room—adjacent to the Health Sciences and Human Services Library and still in the planning stages—will be a dynamic space with murals, displays, and glass windows that draw attention to the happenings inside.

Andrew York, a student in the schools of law and pharmacy, is leading the efforts to program the room. “The Green Room is a resource,” says York, “a place to educate the campus community about the University’s green initiatives and what’s available in Baltimore as far as sustainability.”

“We want to create a paradigm shift on campus through strong student response. Hopefully, the room will encourage students to make lifestyle changes. Once they know about the campus sustainability efforts and find out about the resources available, they will use them to live a more sustainable lifestyle.”

With cork floors, which are made from sustainable products, and low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint that improves indoor air quality, the room is an evolving model of the campus’ commitment to sustainability.

Students, faculty or staff who are interested in being involved in programming the Green Room may contact UMB’s Sustainability Committee at UMBSustainability@umaryland.edu.

Biomedical Engineering and Technology ORC Comes to UMB

MARY LEACH

In early October, the Board of Regents formally transferred the Medical Biotechnology Center (MBC) that had been part of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute (UMBI) to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). This was a homecoming of sorts. The MBC is located on the campus in a building that also houses the Institute for Human Virology, and many of the MBC faculty have long-standing professional relationships with UMB and the School of Medicine.

In joining the campus, the MBC will take on a new name and structure. It will be known as the UMB Organized Research Center (ORC) for Biomedical Engineering and Technology. The goals of the new center include integrating medical research currently at MBC in areas like stem cell biology, cellular and molecular imaging,

and nanobiology into UMB to create synergies and advance cutting-edge research.

An important feature of the new ORC will be close cooperation with bioengineering researchers at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), especially in areas such as biomaterials and the development of medical devices.

Jon Lederer, MD, PhD, the longtime director of the MBC, has agreed to serve as interim director of the new ORC, and William Bentley, PhD, professor and chair of bioengineering at UMCP, will serve as interim associate director. UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, will begin the search for a permanent director in the near future.

“We’re delighted to welcome our friends from UMBI to our UMB research community,” said Ramsay. “It’s a partnership that should benefit both of us and, more importantly, the biomedical sciences generally.”

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

WRITTEN BY RONALD HUBE



From left: Dean Barth, Wanda Bair, President Ramsay, Chris Raab, and Peter Murray, vice president and CIO, CITS.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER
CHRIS RAAB
AND
WANDA BAIR

With more than 650 placements each year, the School of Social Work’s fieldwork program is one of the largest in the world, says Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW.

For their work creating and developing the program’s online management system—“arguably the best system for enhancing the field placements of social work students in the nation,” according to the dean—Wanda Bair, MSW ’89, and Chris Raab were recently surprised with Employee of the Month Awards. The awards were presented by University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, early this fall.

Raab, Web developer at the Center for Information Technology Services (CITS), won the award for September. Bair, clinical assistant professor and coordinator of field education at the School of Social Work, was given the award for October. “Their collaborative efforts to make this system what it is today has been a great example of University departments and schools working together,” wrote Trisha Kaufman, MS, in nominating Raab for the award. Kaufman is Raab’s supervisor and manager of the Web Development Department at CITS.

The management system—known as an electronic field notebook—makes it easier to access and update information about field placements. It also enhances communication between the School and fieldwork locations, and helps faculty better supervise students—some of whom are doing fieldwork in other countries, far from the School. Barth says by reducing the need for printing and mailing, the system is cost-effective and environmentally friendly. Other schools of social work have expressed interest in buying the system, Barth and Kaufman say.

“Chris Raab and Wanda Bair have been engaged in a remarkable partnership over the last three years—one that is very possibly going to change the face of social work education around the country but has certainly made a huge difference to our own educational accomplishments,” Barth wrote in nominating Bair for the Employee of the Month Award.

Raab says he is grateful to Bair and the School of Social Work’s field education office for making completion of the online management system possible. “I want to thank everyone, especially Trisha,” Raab adds, “for the recognition and for allowing me to become successful at what I do.”

Bair says she was surprised and excited to receive an Employee of the Month Award. “It is always an honor to be awarded for something you enjoy doing,” she says.



NOVEMBER
RAYE ALFORD

Expecting the arrival of the University president who would give Raye Alford the November Employee of the Month Award, co-workers handed her a project to keep Alford at her desk for the surprise. The plan worked.

“I’m shocked,” Alford said, as David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, appeared with the award.

Alford is a 15-year veteran of Auxiliary Services, which

oversees the University of Maryland, Baltimore Bookstore, the UMB One Card, the Donaldson Brown Conference Center, and services such as food, laundry, and copying/printing. Her supervisor, Marian Lipinski, MBA, says the honor was long overdue.

“In my many years at UMB, I have not observed an employee who works as diligently or productively as Raye Alford,” Lipinski wrote in nominating her for the award.

Alford, who will retire at the end of this year, recently “went above and beyond her job requirements once again,” Lipinski says, by helping to develop a complex data matrix that would begin showing the University’s compliance with a new state law regarding textbook affordability. While working long hours on the project, Alford also coordinated Auxiliary Services’ move into the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center.

“She displayed her usual cheerful willingness to jump in and do what it takes to solve the problem and accomplish a goal,” Lipinski wrote. “She has served as a role model for the Auxiliary Services team during her entire 15½ years of service in the department.”

As staff gathered to congratulate Alford on the award, she expressed her gratitude for the recognition of her work and for her co-workers’ support through the years.

“This is a wonderful group of people to work with,” she said. “Thank you all.”

CITS

Beginning in January 2010, the *VOICE* will welcome a regular column on news from the Center for Information Technology Services (CITS).

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Gray to Receive Prosser Award
Oscar Gray, JD, Jacob A. France Professor Emeritus of Torts at the School of Law, will receive the 2009 William Lloyd Prosser Award from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Torts and Compensation Systems Section. The award—AALS’ highest honor for contributions to scholarship, teaching, and service in torts and compensation systems—will be presented during the association’s 2010 annual meeting in New Orleans in January.

Gray, who joined the University of Maryland School of Law faculty in 1971, has been an active participant in decade-long debates within the American Law Institute regarding tort law. In the early 1990s, he served as chair of the AALS Section on Torts and Compensation Systems. He is recognized nationally for his work as editor of the definitive, six-volume tort treatise *Harper, James and Gray on Torts*.

One-Hour e-Learning Courses Offered
Shorter courses are now available through e-Learning@UMB, a Web-based service offering courses on information technology and business.

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e-Learning@UMB is free for University faculty and staff. It is available 24 hours a day, and courses can be stopped and restarted at any point. For more information, visit www.hr.umaryland.edu/email/elearning2.

Duties Expand for UMB Emergency Volunteers
The titles of University employees who volunteer to help police and the campus Emergency Management Team during emergencies have been changed to reflect expansion of their roles.
Building coordinators—formerly called shelter-in-place coordinators—and emergency wardens—once known as fire wardens—receive yearly training to assist emergency personnel. In addition to assuring that people leave buildings during a fire or a fire drill, the emergency wardens now work with the building coordinators during any type of emergency.
Each campus building has at least two building coordinators, and there are two

or more emergency wardens on every floor. The volunteers wear iridescent green badges at all times and are available to answer questions about emergency planning for the campus.
For more information on emergency preparedness, visit www.umaryland.edu/alerts and related links.

Café Gourmet Opens in BioPark
Local eatery chain Café Gourmet has opened its ninth location, at the University of Maryland BioPark. A grand opening Nov. 11 included live music, prizes, free hors d'oeuvres, and an all-day happy hour.
The family-owned business, created in January 2002, serves food that is prepared daily on the premises, according to owner David Redmond. “Part of our business model is giving great food at fair prices with heroic customer service, as we like to call it,” says Redmond. The menu includes sandwiches, paninis, burgers, soups, salads, breakfast items, coffee, and beer and wine.
The BioPark location of Café Gourmet, in Building Two, is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. It includes a patio for outdoor dining. Visit www.visitcafegourmet.com.

News From the Benefits Office
The 2010 IRS Supplemental Retirement Account (SRA) limits for 403b, 401k, 457b plans remain at \$16,500. Employees—age 50 and older—may contribute an additional \$5,500 to “catch up” for a total of \$22,000.
To open, increase, decrease or stop your SRA deduction visit www.hr.umaryland.edu/benefits/benefits_retirement_programs_supplemental.cfm or call 6-2616.
For Fiscal Year 2010 there is no “match money” for employees enrolled in a supplemental retirement plan.
The limit for 2010 contributions to the Optional Retirement Plan and contributions and deductions to the Maryland State Pension plan for employees hired after July 1, 1996 remains at \$245,000. No action is needed on the part of employees.
Have you had your yearly retirement financial checkup? Remember, all financial vendors—Fidelity, Nationwide, and TIAA-CREF—have on-campus hours in the Benefits Office for financial planning. Make it your New Year’s resolution to schedule your financial checkup for 2010. For additional information, visit www.hr.umaryland.edu/benefits.



Legal Grind Reaches Out to Baltimore Residents

JEFFREY RAYMOND

The cup of coffee served at The Legal Grind is a bit overpriced at \$10, but the legal consultation that comes with it could be priceless.
Based on a successful community legal-clinic model in California, the School of Law began using The Legal Grind over the summer as a convenient, informal, affordable way to reach out to Baltimore residents who may need legal advice, but don’t know where to find it.
“This is a way to find and connect people with lawyers who might be able to help them,” says Brenda Bratton Blom, JD, PhD, MPS, the School of Law professor who oversees The Legal Grind in her role as director of the Clinical Law Program.
Civil Justice, Inc., a public interest legal service, provides lawyers to The Legal Grind who consult with people in search of legal advice. In sessions that last up to 30 minutes, the attorneys listen to their issues and suggest steps to address the problems. The attorneys don’t typically take the cases themselves, but instead provide direction and advice so that people can find ways to resolve the problems themselves or find an attorney who can provide an economical solution.
There is no commitment for the person seeking advice. “You don’t become somebody’s client in 30 minutes,” says Blom.

School of Law students help set up and promote the clinics in various Baltimore communities. They also assist with intake, provide follow-up services, and sit in on the counseling sessions if the customers give permission. The students don’t provide legal advice, but they learn plenty from the experience.
“It makes people’s legal issues real,” says Blom, “and shows why it matters.” School of Law alumna Leigh Maddox, JD ’04, a clinical law instructor who works on The Legal Grind project, says that for students, “It’s a great way to get exposed to legal issues.” So far more than 40 people have used the service.
Almost any legal topic is fair game. There are questions about criminal law, landlord/tenant issues, child support and other family law matters, protective orders, and business law. Blom notes that many fledgling entrepreneurs might not be able to afford an attorney.
Neighborhoods served by The Legal Grind clinics include Brooklyn, Washington Village, and Cherry Hill. The School of Law’s Community Justice Clinic also holds sessions, as does the Hollywood Diner at 400 E. Saratoga St. People interested in further information or making an appointment for a Legal Grind session may call 6-4273 or e-mail legalgrind@law.umaryland.edu.

Social Work Alumni Reconnect at Homecoming 2009



MATT CONN

More than 100 alumni returned to the School of Social Work earlier this fall for Homecoming 2009, where they caught up with old friends and faculty and listened to presentations on the role social workers play in health care. Several alumni were honored with Alumni Association awards, including the Honorable Salima Marriott (center), MSW ’72, Baltimore’s deputy

mayor for community and human development. Marriott received the Emeritus Award, which acknowledges and honors graduates who have devoted their entire lives to the social work profession. Marriott is pictured with LaFrance Muldrow, MSW ’76, vice president of the alumni association’s board of directors, and Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW.

Policymakers Learn ‘What It Means to Be a Nurse’

Taking turns at the bedside in one of the 24 Clinical Simulation Laboratories at the School of Nursing, state policymakers gained insights into nursing’s role in health care science and delivery. Gareth Murray, PhD, (left) director of legislative affairs for the Maryland Higher Education Commission, was among the nearly two dozen participants in “What It Means to Be a Nurse,” a program held in late October.
Murray was coached in an intubation procedure by Louis Heindel, DNP, CRNA, director of the School’s Nurse Anesthetist Program. The simulation involved the case of an elderly patient who develops a pulmonary embolism.
Participating policymakers, who included Del. Susan Krebs, District 9B, also heard lectures on the unique importance of nursing in safeguarding the well-



PATRICIA ADAMS

being of populations and its potential to assume the vanguard of health care reform.
One way to address the nation’s highly publicized shortfall in the delivery of primary care, for example, is to recognize the value of advanced practice nurses, trained in specialties such as nurse anesthetist and pediatric nurse practitioner. “All we have to do is allow nurse practitioners to practice to the full scope of their education,” says Jillian Aldebron, JD, MA, the School’s chief of staff and organizer of the program.

CALENDAR

Dec. 11: UMB Handmade and Homemade Holiday Craft Fair. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, second floor. For more information, call Sydney Costello at 6-8035.

Dec. 17: Lunch Under the Pipes, featuring the Anne Arundel County Brass Quintet. Noon, Westminster Hall.

Jan. 13: School of Pharmacy Alumni Association Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pharmacy Hall, room 714. RSVP to Peggy Funk at mfunk@rx.umaryland.edu.

Feb. 4: Meeting of the School of Pharmacy’s Board of Visitors. 8:30 a.m., location to be announced.

Commuters Have New Options

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Several new transportation programs are planned or now available for the campus community.

Free City Bus Service Starts in January

The Charm City Circulator, a free downtown bus service provided by the city of Baltimore, is scheduled to start operating Jan. 2.

The service has three routes that together cover much of the central city including Southwest Baltimore, Federal Hill, Fells Point, and Mount Vernon. The Orange Route runs through the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Lombard, Baltimore, and Greene streets.

The zero-emission buses are planned to be at each stop on 10-minute intervals. For more information including a route map, visit www.charmcitycirculator.com.

The University’s Ride UMB shuttle bus service will stop running when the Charm City Circulator begins.

MTA Discounts, Pretax Deductions Available

University staff using Maryland Transit Administration transportation such as the bus, Light Rail or Metro Subway can now pay for it through pretax payroll deductions. The cost-saving option is available through the University’s Parking and Transportation Services, which recently changed its name from Parking and Commuting Services to reflect an expansion of its initiatives.

Students can obtain discount public transit passes from Parking and Transportation Services.

For more information on the pretax deductions and discount passes, call 6-6603, visit www.parking.umaryland.edu, or visit the Parking and Transportation Services office on the second level of the Pearl Street Garage.



Carpool Programs Under Way

The UMB Rideshare Service, operated by Parking and Transportation Services, is now available to help faculty, staff, and students find carpool partners.

Also, members of carpools that are registered with Parking and Transportation Services receive prizes and parking passes for use when traveling alone. Carpools of three or more people are eligible for reserved parking.

For more information or to participate in the carpool programs, visit www.parking.umaryland.edu/rideshare/index.cfm.

AROUND CAMPUS



1. SOP/Walgreens Immunization Event Demonstrating pharmacy’s critical role in the distribution and administration of vaccines, Matthew Way, a fourth-year student pharmacist, vaccinated Maria Schwartz of the School of Law at a School of Pharmacy/ Walgreens event in September. More than 300 people were immunized against seasonal influenza at the mobile clinic set up in the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center (SMC). The event not only served as an important public health outreach for both the School of Pharmacy and Walgreens, but it provided hands-on training for student pharmacists.

2. Italian Art Exhibit A collection of contemporary Italian art—12 Artists for the Medical School of Salerno—was on display at the SMC Campus Center in October as part of the Founders Week celebrations. Twelve of the 50 pieces were auctioned at a fundraising dinner. The exhibition marks the joint academic relationship between the University of Maryland and the Medical School of Salerno.

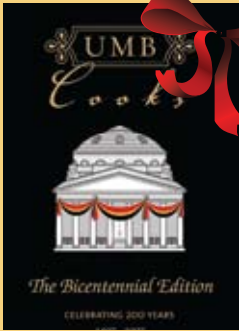
3. Halloween at Westminster Brave souls celebrated Halloween at Westminster Burying Ground and Catacombs with tours and spooky stories.

4. Free State Response Drill During “Free State Response 2009,” the University of Maryland Medical Center practiced evacuating mock patients from the hospital after a simulated electrical fire. Hospitals and governmental agencies develop and participate in exercises such as this to practice their emergency-preparedness capabilities, evaluate their plans, and look for opportunities to improve their readiness.



A Few Things You Should Know About the 2010 Census

- Census Day 2010 is April 1.
 - The 2010 census is a “short form” census. It collects basic information: age, sex, race, Hispanic or Latino origin, household relationships, and whether homes are owned or rented.
 - Census data helps to determine funding and political representation at the state and federal levels.
 - The census only takes a few minutes to complete.
 - The census is safe. Responses are strictly confidential and protected by law.
- For more information, visit: www.census.state.md.us.



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